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In re the Application of: **Nobuyuki SHIMAMOTO et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.